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First Annual Membership Meeting Announced

Saturday, 22 January 1994

We are happy to announce that the first annual membership meeting of the Lambda Letters Project will be held on Saturday, January 22nd, in Sacramento. The meeting will be held in Room 10, the Community Room, at the Sierra 2 Center at 2791 24th Street (i.e., four blocks south of Broadway on 24th Street). The meeting is scheduled to start at 9:00 a.m. and will continue until noon. The Community Room is wheelchair accessible. All members and friends of Lambda Letters are invited to attend.

The meeting agenda includes an overview of the history of the Project, the election of a new Board of Directors, a review of the preliminary budget for 1994, and a time for members to voice

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Election FYI

Who Qualifies to Vote at the Annual Meeting?

Anyone who is a member in good standing at the time of the annual meeting may vote at that meeting.

At its October gathering, the current Board of Directors adopted language which defines the qualifications for membership in the Lambda Letters Project. People can qualify as members by submitting signed letters to Lambda Letters, by making a financial contribution to the project, or by providing volunteer services during specified periods.

Specifically, anyone who returned one or more signed letters to us during October or November of 1993 will be a member in good standing at the annual meeting on January 22nd. Alternatively, anyone who made a financial contribution to Lambda Letters during 1993 qualifies as a member in good standing. Finally, anyone who provided a minimum of three hours of volunteer service to the Project during the months of October, November, or December qualifies as a member in good standing. The three hours of service can have been provided either all at once during one of those months or by giving one hour of service each in October, November, and December of 1993.

Under these rules, almost anyone receiving this newsletter qualifies to vote at our annual meeting. We hope you will plan to attend and help make Lambda Letters a member-run organization!

Election FYI

Who Exactly Are the Board Nominees?

In the interest of maintaining an informed Lambda Letters electorate, we provide you here with descriptions of the nominees for the new Board of Directors to be elected in January. *Please note that additional persons may be nominated from the floor of the annual meeting.*

John Boyle—Currently on the Board. Residence: San Diego. Occupation: quality engineer with a turbine engineering company. He has been involved in the preparation of Lambda Letters' bylaws and its legislative database for tracking the votes of legislators. He volunteers with the San Diego AIDS Project, Citizens' Patrol, Take Back The Night Coalition, and the Burke Centre Conservancy.

Gretchen Jung—Residence: Sacramento. Occupation: manager in the State government. She was on the State Board of Directors of the International Association of Personnel in Employment Security (IAPES) for four terms. She also served on the IAPES International Committee, as well as treasurer of the local IAPES chapter for one term. Jung was a member of the Sacramento NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force for three years from 1983–86, and is currently a member of California NOW, the ACLU, PFLAG, and Emily's List.

Ray Leber—Currently on the Board. Residence: Sacramento. Occupation: retired state employee. Prior to his retirement, he was the Bureau Chief of the adoptions section of the California Department of Social Services. He is a Hand to Hand volunteer with the Sacramento AIDS Foundation and is a member of the Operations-Emergency subcommittee of the Sacramento United Way. Leber has served on the Board of Directors of the Washington Neighborhood Center for eight years.

Alex McKale—Currently on the Board. Residence: Sunnyvale. Occupation: computer programmer. He is a member of the board of San Jose's Billy De Frank Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Community Center. He also volunteers at PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support), a program for people with AIDS; and at SisterSpirit, a gay, lesbian, and bisexual bookstore in San Jose.

Mary Ann Murphy—Currently on the Board. Residence: Eureka. Occupation: computer programmer. She was treasurer of the San Gabriel Valley Chapter of NOW, from 1973–74 and treasurer of the Los Angeles NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force, from 1978–79. She is currently a member of the Humboldt County Council of the Green Party and is on the editorial board of *The L Word*, a lesbian newspaper.

J. P. Rasmussen—Currently on the Board. Residence: San Diego. Occupation: administrative assistant. Currently employed by the San Diego HIV Care Coalition. In that occupation he administers Ryan White Care Act Title II funds, gathers information for the *Coalition Connection*, an AIDS newsletter, along with numerous other activities. Rasmussen volunteers at Being Alive/San Diego and has volunteered in the personnel/accounting office of the San Diego AIDS Foundation.

Annual Membership Meeting

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their opinions on what Lambda Letters does well and what needs improvement. We may also seek to establish committees of members to tackle various challenges faced by the Lambda Letters Project in 1994.

Again, all our members and friends are invited to attend and to participate in our first annual membership meeting. See you there!

Members in the News

Lambda Letters Member Wins Election

SAN DIEGO—A letter writer for Lambda Letters is now a city council member for America's sixth largest city. The third city council district of San Diego elected Chris Kehoe, the first open lesbian on the city council. Chris and her life partner Julie Warren are both members of Lambda Letters. We wish them well.

Writer's Cramp Issue

No Letters This Month

There are no letters this month because we gave our hard-working legislative analysts a vacation in November. Just in case you are jealous, you should know that they will be meeting on December 19th to choose January's topics and then will spend the time between Christmas and New Year's Day composing the letters and articles for the January, 1994 mailing!

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"1994 Days on the March" is a full-color look at the March on Washington—the emotions, the crowd, the activities, in thirteen photographs. The centerfold presents a perspective on this time in gay history written by Caitlin Sullivan of the Seattle Gay News.

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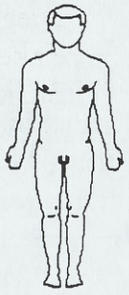

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In 1993 Lambda Letters generated more than 29,000 letters that were sent to legislators and other public officials. With a mailing list that continues to grow upwards of 800, your financial support would foster our financial strength. Don't delay! Order now before your old calendar becomes obsolete. For more information, call Karen at (916) 753-6670. Thanks for your support.

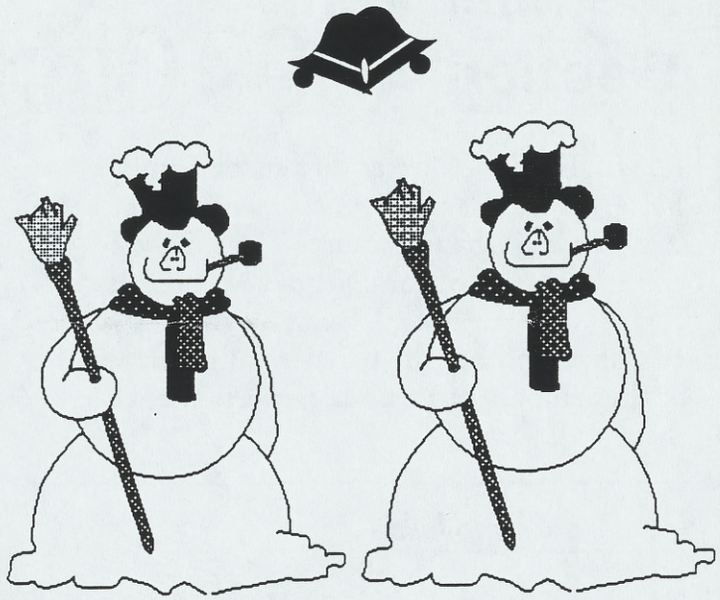
Plea for Understanding

Can You Forgive Us?

We apologize for the number of advertisements in this newsletter. However, we need to pay the bills! At present, it appears that we may end the year with barely $1,000 in the bank. Although we are not broke, that leaves very little to grow on in the new year. Please consider buying an Entertainment Book or a calendar from us. They make wonderful holiday gifts. Or consider putting us on your holiday gift list by making a contribution to the Lambda Letters Project!

You will also note a flyer advertising a bond sale for the Metropolitan Community Church of Sacramento. Normally we cannot do fund-raising for other organizations, because our own need for funds is so great. We made an exception in this case because MCC of Sacramento has been so good to us. We use their rooms each month, free of charge, to stuff our monthly mailings. In addition, they have provided several letter-stuffing volunteers on a regular basis. In fact, your newsletter is being stuffed entirely by volunteers from MCC this month! We appreciate their hard work very much.

Merry Christmas!



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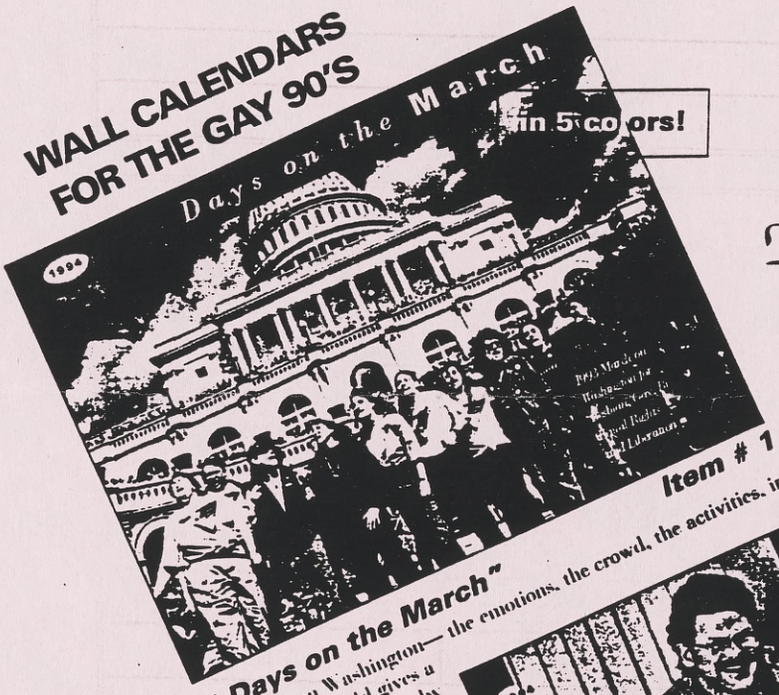

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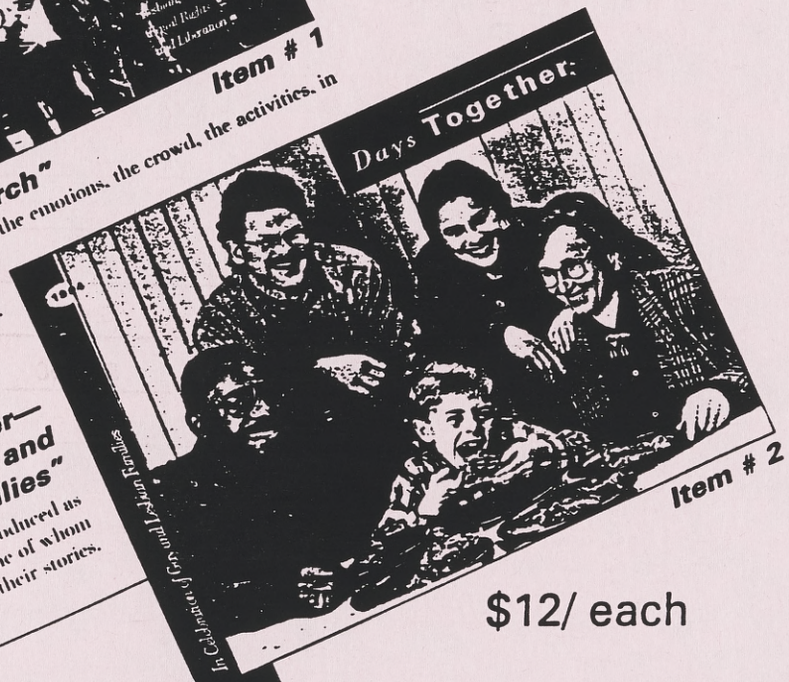

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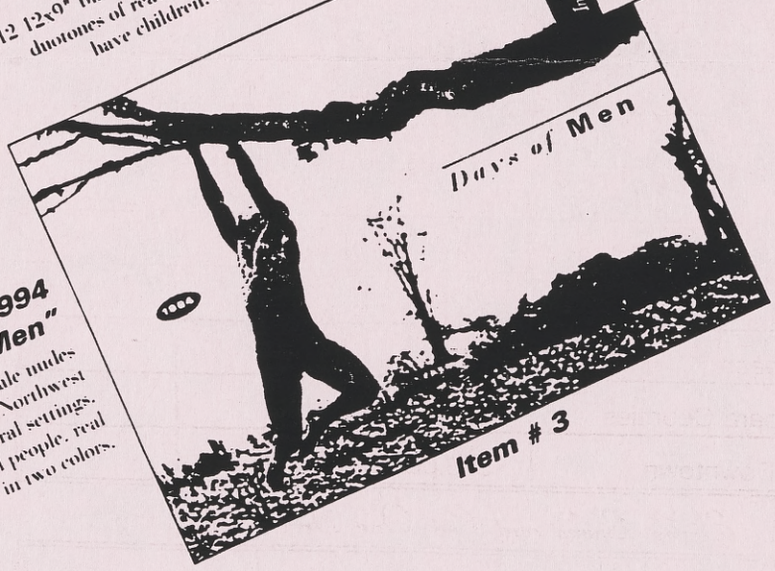

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